## SENATE RESOLUTION 117 By Finney

A RESOLUTION to commend Colleen M. Casamassima for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Casamassima is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Raymond Finney; Colleen's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at Middle Tennessee State University, where she is highly regarded by her peers, Mrs. Casamassima has achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science with minors in Public Relations and Education and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Colleen Casamassima brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2006 session of the One Hundred Fourth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2006 legislative session, Mrs. Casamassima has exercised sound judgment under even the most exasperating conditions, achieving outstanding results on every project with which she has been involved; she is enthusiastic, trustworthy, and a true asset to Senator Raymond Finney and his Administrative Assistant, Deana Guenther; and

WHEREAS, Colleen drove roundtrip from Shelbyville to Nashville daily, and from the moment she arrived at 302 WMB, she never slowed down; indeed, committed to helping those in need, Mrs. Casamassima also found time in her demanding schedule to direct and manage the successful Second Harvest Food Drive for the Internship Program; and

WHEREAS, Colleen expresses her devout faith as a member of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Columbia; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Colleen is most appreciative of the love and support she receives from her parents, Michael and Cathleen Jacobs; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Michael and Partha Jacobs and Matthew and Haven Jacobs; her sister, Bethany Jacobs; her niece, Gloria Faith Jacobs; and most of all, her husband, Specialist Anthony Marco Casamassima of the 844th Engineer Battalion, a veteran of Operation Iragi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Colleen Casamassima has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern and performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend Colleen M.

Casamassima for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Raymond Finney and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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